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FROM THE PEOPLE.

Road Taxes and Duties—An Official Opinion.

Hon. A. T. Dent, May 3d, 1915.
Attorney for Board of Supervisors,
Macon, Miss.

Dear Sir: As a resident and taxpayer of the Macon Good Roads district, I write to ask you as attorney for the supervisors about the changes in our road law made by the legislature last year. Some say it increased our taxes and road duty or the road duty of our stock, and put a tax of \$2.00 a head on our stock. Others say that it did not increase our taxes or road duty at all. An answer from you about this would not only greatly oblige me but would be of great interest to the people in all the road districts in the county.

Very truly yours,
W. L. YOUNG.

Mr. Wood Young, May 10th, 1915.
Macon, Miss.

Dear Sir: In reply to your recent letter about the changes in our good roads law, I will say that the changes made by the last legislature do not increase road taxes or the road duty of men or stock.

The code, section 4421, imposes road duty on stock and implements. It reads as follows: "All horses, mules, oxen, wagons and plows belonging to persons who are not liable to work on the roads and all persons who are liable to road duty, shall be liable on the requisition of the overseer of the district to be used on the road, not exceeding ten days each horse, mule, ox, wagon and implement in one year, etc."

The good road laws expressly provide that the other road laws are not repealed, and therefore the teams and implements of persons living on these good roads we have built have been and are still liable to road duty, just as the men and teams, etc., living on dirt roads.

The change lately made that you refer to in the amendment to the law under which this district is working made at the last session of the legislature reads as follows:

"Section 17. It shall be the duty of the supervisors to assign to said roads all teams, teams and implements liable to road duty under the laws of the State of Mississippi, who live on or near said roads and not assigned to some other road nearer to said hands and teams and implements shall be liable to work on said roads, as is provided for roads generally; provided that each person liable to work on said roads may pay a commutation tax of \$3.00 for himself and \$2.00 for each head of stock able to work on said roads, etc."

You will see that no new or greater road duty or tax is imposed. On the contrary the teams on good roads are relieved by giving their owners the opportunity of paying them off at their own head. I understand that this is done because as there was little or no work for the teams and implements on these good roads, the commissioners could get better results with the tax and the commutation tax was the small sum of \$2.00 in the hope of inducing the owners to commute instead of sending them to be worked.

The original good road law provided that roads should be built and maintained by contract only. The change was adding three sections one of which is given above, allowing the road commissioners, with the consent of the voters, to maintain and keep up roads themselves, by purchasing teams, road machinery, etc. and hiring men. Some counties in the state believe this the best and more economical method of maintaining their good roads. Noxubee is sticking to the contract and so these changes are not effective here. If later on we should adopt this plan you or your stock's road duty or tax will not be increased.

There are some other small changes in the road law but as they do not affect taxation or road duty and are not within your inquiry I do not deal with them. All of the changes are permissive only, and our district and every district in the state can avail themselves of them or not as the road commissioners decide provided the supervisors also agree.

Yours truly,
A. T. DENT.

Death of a Little Boy.

Little James Puckett, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Puckett died at the home of his parents, 214 North Fourth street, at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, his death having resulted from an attack of acute indigestion. His parents are intensely grieved as a result of his death and have a heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in their affliction.—Columbus Dispatch.

LOST—One dark Jersey colored cow, about five years old. Was last seen near river bridge in Macon Tuesday night, May 11th with part of harness on. Reward will be paid for any information. Notify A. Klaus & Co.

Gang of Thieves Caught.

A gang of thieves who have probably been operating in this county for a number of years, and escaped arrest, is believed to have been at last run to earth. About a month ago the house of Elbert Clayton, on the Massengale place, between Macon and Shuqualak, was broken into and a lot of meat and flour stolen. Wheeler White, a son of George White, a well known colored farmer, was suspected, his house searched and the provisions found in the loft. After staying in jail for awhile he made a confession in which he stated that June Goodwin, Charley Thomas and one or two other negroes had committed several robberies at Shuqualak. Goodwin was arrested and a lot of the goods which had been stolen from the stores of J. J. Prince, Anderson Mercantile Co., Tyson & Co. and Hubbard Supply Co. was found in his house. At a trial, held Thursday at Shuqualak before Justice Flora, White and Goodwin waived preliminary examination and were returned to jail to await the action of the grand jury. No evidence was produced against Thomas except the testimony of White, but he, too, was sent to jail. It is believed that this gang is the same that has been operating in the county for several years. It will be remembered that this year Mr. Lamber's store was entered and over \$100 stolen from his safe, which had been left unlocked. Hounds were put on the track of the thieves and it was followed across the river but lost in the woods west of the railroad trestle.

The store of Mr. C. S. Field was broken into and robbed Tuesday night. Mr. Field tried to get dogs to put on the track of the thief and failing, some human sleuths were put on the trail, and being aided by a rain which had softened the earth, and left the thief's tracks very plain, he was run down in a short time, but not before he had gone several miles and crossed a creek, which had been put out of its banks by the rains. Cornelius Hyde is the name of the thief. All the stolen goods were found and he acknowledged to his guilt at the hearing Thursday before Justice Flora.

The Storm of Last Week.

Considerable more damage was done by the storm that passed over the county last week than was reported in the Macon's account. One life was lost, a negro, about sixty years of age, named Nelly Allen, was killed by timbers falling on her when her house was struck, on Mr. E. V. Yates' place. Mr. Jerre Clark, who also lives on a part of the same place, lost his new barn. The full force of the storm struck Mr. Gurler's place, and his barn and silo were complete wrecks, a good portion of the barn being blown in his mind. It then went through an open field until it struck Mr. H. C. Wood's, where a barn and silo was wrecked, then through the Cole place, where the woman was killed. It is said that was the third cyclone the woman had been through, escaping the other two without a wound. A number of other colored people were hurt, though none seriously.

The Weather.

A fraction over two inches of rain fell Monday night and Tuesday, which following the heavy down pour of last week, when more than four inches fell in twenty-four hours, has put the river and all the creeks in the county out of their banks, and much replanting will have to be done. It is said that the river is higher than it has been for several years.

One who is supposed to know was heard to express the opinion that the loss to the county by the flood would be more than compensated by the great good that the rains have done the oat crop, which has improved wonderfully the past week.

Ford Cars Still Sell.

Mr. J. G. Horton, local agent for Ford Automobiles in this territory, received a car load of Fords this week and delivered to the following customers:

Prof. O. Q. Poindexter, Mashulaville, Miss., a five-passenger car; Mr. W. L. Sherrod, a Runabout; Mr. Geo. Richardson received his Runabout.

It does not seem to be a question with Mr. Horton how many cars he can sell but how many cars he can get, he tells the BEACON he will have another car load in a few days, and make glad the hearts of several impatient customers.

STRAYED—A dark bay mare, medium size, about five years old. Was last seen near river bridge in Macon Tuesday night, May 11th with part of harness on. Reward will be paid for any information. Notify A. Klaus & Co.

HAY—Johnson grass and Alfalfa hay for sale by Dinmore & Sons, Dinmore, Miss.

Death of Hon. R. C. Lee.

On Thursday afternoon, May 6, 1915, at the home, in Gulfport, Mississippi, of his devoted friend, ex-Congressman E. J. Bowers, Charley Lee quit this world for the undiscovered country.

His departure was sudden and unexpected, although for some time he has been in such condition that those familiar with the facts were persuaded that the ills from which he suffered were such as to mark him as one not long for the land of the living.

Few men in recent years have gone from Mississippi to their last reward more universally beloved and more genuinely regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances than Hon. R. C. Lee whose political and social, official and private life has far a full generation kept him in the public eye—and in the hearts of the people, for a great number of whom he went out of his way to speak a cheering word or do a deed of generous personal or official kindness whenever he could see his way clearly to do the latter. What he did in such directions were done heartily and from the best and most honorable motives. About such acts on his part there was never any effort at display. On the contrary, what he did, he did unostentatiously—did it from a desire to do good, and to be genuinely helpful to those whom he felt had claims upon humanity.

He was first appointed to office, U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi under the administration of Mr. Cleveland, and held the office under various Republican administrations until Mr. Wilson was inaugurated President and by that gentleman was permitted to continue in office to the end of his life.

He made few enemies and had the very rare faculty of readily forming friendships which were usually lasting—for to know Charley Lee closely was to love him greatly.

Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Macon High School will be held Friday evening, May 21st, at the Lyceum theatre. A musical program will be rendered, after which President H. L. Whitfield will deliver the commencement address. The following pupils will receive diplomas: Lucile Shelton, Henrietta Clemens, Daisy Swann, Nettie Grace, Marie Jordan, Anna Lou Elkin, Francis Dent, Etheldra Spessard, Calloway Kirby, Annie Delle Douglas, Eugene Murphey, Edwin Harkins, Sam F. Cockrell and John H. Carr.

After the diplomas are presented, the Avery Medal and the medal offered by the Interstate Trust and Banking Company will be presented. The Avery medal is for scholarship and the winner cannot be named until after the final examinations. The other medal is offered to the pupil of the graduating class who writes the best essay on immigration and whose scholarship is superior. This medal has been won by Miss Lucile Shelton.

To defray the expenses incident to the commencement exercises an admission of ten cents will be charged.

Decoration Day at Salem.

Thursday was observed as Decoration Day at Salem Church by the people of that community. The grave-yard had been cleared off well and the graves decorated with flowers. Music and religious services were held in the church, Rev. Mr. Evans, of the Macon Circuit, preaching the sermon. A beautiful basket and barbecue dinner was served. Several hundred people, representing all parts of the county, were present.

The cemetery at Salem is only about sixty years old, but many of the older generation are interred there and many revered associations cling to the spot. The observance of the beautiful custom of Memorial Day as it was observed here Thursday was an affectionate tribute by the living to the departed and honored both.

FOR SALE—1,063 acres most fertile land in Yazoo Delta with 500 cultivation, 300 ten year old deodoring, balance cultivable. Well improved and well drained. 2 miles station V. & M. V. R. R. Price \$12,000.00; terms, \$8,000.00 cash, balance \$4,000.00 a year at 6 per cent until paid for. This is great opportunity for young men buy the best of land and work it out. Write the owner.

W. T. PITTS, The Land Man, Indiana, Miss.

Cheese in Jars

MacLaren's Imperial
Royal Luncheon
Elkhorn Club
Pimento
Olive Pimento

H. M. JONES

Cattlemen's Association.

A meeting has been called for Friday 2 p. m., May 21st, at the court house in Macon, Miss., for the purpose of going into permanent and effective organization of all live stock men, hay growers, and farmers generally. The time is here when the farmer cannot work to his best interest independent of his neighbor. We shall have to co-operate. Every farmer in the county is invited to attend this meeting. Men in other professions are also cordially invited to be present and take a part in affecting this organization.

Similar notices are being sent to the other papers of the county. Everybody should feel an interest in this meeting—interest enough to quit your work to come.

J. W. HADDON.

HONOR ROLL Of Macon Graded and High School.

FIFTH TERM.
First grade, 4th term—Marlin Dunn, John Patten, Logan Cline.
First grade, 5th term—Marlin Dunn, Francis Murphey, Katherine Connor, Logan Cline.
Second grade—Mayme Barnes, Bessie Dare, Willene Jackson, Charles McCordale, Claire Shumaker.
Third grade—Elizabeth Ferris, Eleanor Harkins, Emma Laura Hughes, Edwin Murphey, Maud Yates.
Fourth grade—Ruth Allen, Lucille Holt, Lillian Hunter, Phelan Hunter.
Fifth grade—Elen Carleton, Mamie Dunn, Martha Linda McHenry, Julia Stokes, Emma Yates, Sybil Tomlinson.
Sixth grade—Katherine Cline, Louise Kirby, Corinne Patten.
Eighth grade—Ella Mary Taylor, Pamela Yates, Donelle Yates.
Ninth grade—Adelaide Hale.
Tenth grade—Sallie Jackson.

MAINTAIN YELLOW SOY BEANS—Thirty bushels a bushel. GEO. SHAWER, Macon, Miss.

No. 228

Certificate of Guaranty

This is to Certify That

Bank of Macon,
Macon,
MISSISSIPPI

has complied with the provisions of the Mississippi Banking Law of 1914 and that its depositors are now guaranteed by the Bank Depositors' Guaranty Fund of the State of Mississippi.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Banking Department of the State of Mississippi, this the 11th day of May 1915.

{ SEAL }

J. S. Love,

State Bank Examiner



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John Sharp Williams.

Paul Wooten in Times-Picayune:

An idea of the respect in which the ability of the senior senator from Mississippi, John Sharp Williams, is held may be gained from the fact that he was selected by his party to reply to the argument of Senator Root with reference to the principles involved in the ship purchase bill. The Republicans had waged a careful campaign against the measure, which was being urged by the administration. For the final argument Senator Root, the strongest man on the Republican side of the aisle, was selected to make the onslaught. Senator Williams made a reply which more than met the expectations of his colleagues.

The history of the world is at his tongue's end. He never forgets the weak points in an opponent's argument. He will listen to long-winded speeches and make mental filings of scores of points, which he calls up just at the right time.

Senator Williams is one of the staunchest supporters of the President

has in the senate, it is the consensus of opinion here that there are few states better represented in the United States Senate than is Mississippi.

Robert Hibbler President.

The following is taken from the Chattanooga Times and will be read with interest by Mr. Hibbler's friends in Noxubee county:

Robert Hibbler has been elected president of the recent chartered Hibbler Investment company, which contemplates operating as a holding company for the purchase, control and improvement of important pieces of business property. At the board's organization meeting Monday the company formally purchased the property adjoining the Hibbler-Barnes company's plant on East Ninth street.

MILKCHOW FOR SALE—Extra 60c; will give four gallons per day. Due to calf in 10 days. R. C. PATTY.

MILKCHOWS FOR SALE—Five Jersey milk-cows. Also one fine superior, cheap. W. B. HELM.

FOR SALE—Bull Orpington eggs, 1500 setting of 15. J. E. GLAUGHTER, Macon, Miss.